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SUBJ: ARMY PLEDGES LOYALTY BEFORE PRESIDENT, GUINEAN AND
ALGERIAN DELEGATIONS.

1. ON MONDAY AFTERNOON APRIL 2 THE ARMED FORCES OF LIBERIA IN A PARADE AT BARCLAY TRAINING CENTER, MONROVIA, PLEDGED THEIR LOYALTY TO PRESIDENT TOLBERT. THE PRESIDENT, WHO WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE GUINEAN DELEGATION NOW HERE AS WELL AS AN ALGERIAN TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED AS THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE, HEARD A STATEMENT OF LOYALTY FROM DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF MAJ. GEN. MASON AND IN TURN HAD IT PRESENTED TO HIM THROUGH THE CHIEF OF STAFF LT. GEN. JOHNSON BY MINISTER TO DEFENSE ALLEN WILLIAMS.

2. THE PRESIDENT IN FIVE- STAR GENERAL' S UNIFORM IN A HIGHLY EMOTIONAL STATEMENT ACCEPTED THE PLEDGE OF LOYALTY WITH THANKS AND LASHED OUT AT PRINCE BROWNE AND THE TWO OFFICERS NOW IN DETENTION. HE STRESSED HIS POSITION AS COMMANDER IN CHIEF OF ALL LIBERIAN FORCES AND FREQUENTLY CALLED FOR DIVINE HELP IN AFFAIRS OF LIBERIA. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGEDING THE PRESENCE OF THE GUINEAN AND ALGERIAN DELEGATIONS AND THE MESSAGE OF SUPPORT FROM SIAKA STEVENS, PRESIDENT TOLBERT DID NEVERTHELESS MAKE IT CLEAR THAT WHILE HE HAD BEEN OFFERED ASSISTANCE FROM GUINEA HE FELT THE LIBERIAN ARMED FORCES COULD TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN PROBLEMS.

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DURING SPEECH PRESIDENT, WHO WAS VISIBLY STIRRED UP AND ANGRY,
CALLED UPON THE MILITARY TO DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ASSIST
LIBERIA IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PARTICULARLY THROUGH CIVIC
ACTION PROGRAMS.

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